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Dear Sirs,

**Re:    Response to Written Opinion of September 30, 1999  
Our Ref; 114508-5.MM:BG (Please quote)**

In response to the Written Opinion of reference, enclosed are the following:

1. Amended claim pages Nos. 14-16.
2. Amended pages 2, 3, 8, 12 and 13 of the specification.

**1.    Claim Amendments:**

The claims as originally filed were amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments as follows:

- 1.1 Original Claim 1 has been restricted to use of the protein preparation for the new indication subject of the present invention and thus now reads clear of the subject matter of the Shinitzky *et al.*, publication referred to in the Written Opinion as D1.
- 1.2 Claims 2-5 correspond with original Claims 7-10 but the kits recited in these claims have been restricted for use in the diagnosis of schizophrenia by determining a DTH reaction following injection of the protein preparation. The kits recited in the above amended claims comprise, in addition to the peptide preparation also instructions for use and a chart or picture for guidance of the manner of scoring the DTH results. This amendment is supported by the description on page 8 lines 20-36 of the specification. These new claims read clear of the D1 publication.

